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Overall action is light throughout the country. Most of the fighting has occurred in Thua Thien Province where South Vietnamese forces are readying an assault on a Communist hill-top position overlooking the Phu Bai air base. Because of bad weather and North Vietnamese counterattacks against supporting government units, the main assault was canceled until Saturday. General Truong, government commander for the region, reportedly was furious when he learned of the delay. He is concerned that the Communists will now be able to concentrate their forces against the government's

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main assault units and prevent the South Vietnamese from re-taking the position.

Government spokesmen announced at a press conference that Communist terrorists attacked local South Vietnamese security forces five miles from Saigon on October 23. Rockets also were fired into a hamlet west of the city. The incidents are the closest Communist action to the capital in several months.

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